

### **Abstract**

The present invention relates to a lighter comprising a housing having a supply of fuel, an actuating member movably associated with the housing to selectively perform at least one step in igniting the fuel, and a latch member slidably associated with  
5 the housing to selectively change the actuating member from a high-force mode to a low-force mode. The actuating member may be operable to perform the at least one step in igniting the fuel when in the high-force mode and when in the low-force mode. Various other features which improve the functioning of the lighter may be provided separately or in combination.

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